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REMARKS

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Oroshaza.

1. Prior to 5 February 1951, a training battalion of the Hungarian Border Guard Force [redacted] was located in the barracks installation on the western perimeter of Oroshaza (Y 7/0 60), on the north side of the road to Szentes (Y 7/0 32) and opposite the Bonum railroad stop. The Szentes road and the railroad line intersect just east of the billeting area.

2. The training battalion was organized into the battalion headquarters and three training companies which were not committed to border guard duty. Each company consisted of three platoons, with three squads to each platoon. A platoon averaged 40 to 50 men. Officers of the battalion included Captain Mihály Bekassy, commanding officer; Senior Lieutenant László Szrapko, deputy battalion commander; Lieutenant István Cintula, political officer; Junior Lieutenant István Juhász, battalion adjutant; Lieutenant Kálmán Csurdi, commanding officer of 1st Co; and Junior Lieutenant Zoltán Hoffer, commanding officer of 3d Co.

3. About 95 percent of the enlisted personnel of the battalion belonged to the 1929 and 1930 classes. The rest were members of the 1927 and 1928 classes. * Recruits received basic infantry training and special border guard training. The soldiers were explicitly told to shoot only in the most urgent cases during border duty. Persons shot at should be killed rather than wounded. The recruits of the training companies were armed with Soviet model N-48, 7.62-mm rifles. Submachino guns with drum magazines and Soviet light machine guns with disk-shaped magazines were issued only for training. No large scale field exercises were held.

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Szombathely.

4. Prior to 24 June 1951, the headquarters of the border guard battalion [redacted] [redacted] 25X1 [redacted] was located in the former Annunciation Monastery opposite the hospital in Szombathely (P 48/C 78). The monastary area was bounded by Dr Jozsef Vass Ring, Sugar Street, Borostyánkő Street and Kertész Street.

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Zalaegerszeg.

5. Senior Lieutenant Imre Goeroeg, political officer, and Captain Jozsef Kárfy were identified with the border guard area headquarters, [redacted], in Zalaegerszeg (Y 4/V 10). The headquarters was under the command of a lieutenant colonel.

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* [redacted] Comment. Contingents of the 1929 and 1930 classes were called up for active service in October 1950.

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